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FEBRUARY 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

MIG-23S SENT TO INDIA: [REDACTED]  
SHIP KAPITAN ANISTRATENKO, LOCATED OFF COCHIN ON FEBRUARY 7,  
HAD TWO MIG-23 [REDACTED] FIGHT PROBABLE MIG-21 [REDACTED]  
AND THREE OTHER AIRCRAFT- [REDACTED]  
PREVIOUSLY, SYRIA, IRAQ, AND EGYPT WERE THE ONLY NON-COMMUNIST  
COUNTRIES TO HAVE THE NEW SOVIET FIGHTERS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HEARD LAST NOVEMBER THAT A DECISION HAD  
BEEN REACHED TO PURCHASE 50 MIG-23S FROM THE USSR, BUT THIS  
HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. MOREOVER, IT IS KNOWN THAT CHIEF OF THE  
INDIAN AIR FORCE AIR CHIEF MARSHALL MEHRA IS OPPOSED TO FURTHER  
DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS' AIRCRAFT AND BEING TIED TO THEIR POOR  
LOGISTICAL-SUPPORT SYSTEM. DIA NOTES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT  
THE MIG-23S WILL BE USED IN AN AERIAL DEMONSTRATION DURING THE  
FEBRUARY 24-26 VISIT TO NEW DELHI OF SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER  
GRECHKO. SUCH A GAMBIT COULD BE EMPLOYED TO OVERCOME MEHRA'S  
RELUCTANCE TO PURCHASE THE AIRCRAFT AND NEW DELHI'S OBJECTIONS  
TO MOSCOW'S DEMANDS FOR PAYMENT IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY.

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DIA, OSD reviews  
completed.

TURKS CANCEL OIL EXPLORATION CONTRACT WITH NORWEGIANS: THE  
TURKISH RADIO ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 12 THAT THE CONTRACT WITH  
THE NORWEGIAN SHIP LONGVA HAD BEEN CANCELLED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FURTHER BROADCASTS TODAY  
ANNOUNCED THAT SEISMIC EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THIS EQUIP-  
MENT REPORTEDLY WOULD BE PUT ABOARD A TURKISH SHIP AND OIL

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EXPLORATION OF THE AEGEAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER TURKISH GUIDANCE. THE TURKS MAY INDEED HAVE ACQUIRED THIS NEW EQUIPMENT. ALTHOUGH CONVERSATIONS IN MID-JANUARY BETWEEN THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE TURKISH SHIP (THE CANDARLI)--WHICH WAS SENT INTO THE AEGEAN LAST SUMMER--AND U.S. NAVAL PERSONNEL INDICATED THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR INSTALLING SUCH EQUIPMENT ON THE SHIP. THE ATTACHE WILL VISIT THE SHIP IN EARLY MARCH. THE NORWEGIANS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO EXPLORE IN AEGEAN WATERS DISPUTED BY GREECE AND TURKEY. EARLIER THIS WEEK, REPORTS INDICATED THE SHIP HAD BEGUN TO WORK IN THESE AREAS. THE ATTACHE SPECULATES THE TURKS WILL SEND THE CANDARLI--EVEN WITHOUT SEISMIC EQUIPMENT--INTO THE AEGEAN AS A MEANS OF CONTINUING TO SHOW THE TURKISH FLAG IN CONNECTION WITH THE OIL CONFLICT.

THE WASHINGTON STAR NEWS:

OSWALD JOHNSTON REPORTS THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO GET AT LEAST PART OF THE \$300 MILLION EXTRA IT WANTS FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. THE ADMINISTRATION IS REVIVING A LOBBYING GAMBIT THAT WENT OUT OF STYLE IN THE 1960S - A FULL-SCALE CONGRESSIONAL TRIP TO SAIGON.

NICHOLAS MORROCK WRITES THAT REPORTS OF FBI ATTEMPTS TO COMBAT ARAB GUERRILLA TERRORISM - THE EFFORTS ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED A BURGLARY OF THE ARAB INFORMATION CENTER IN DALLAS BY GOVERNMENT AGENTS - ARE LIKELY TO COME UNDER SCRUTINY OF A NEW SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SENATE SOURCES.

R. GREGORY NOKES REPORTS THAT TWO TOP FORD ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT UNLESS THE NATION TAKES STEPS TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT OF FOREIGN OIL A FUTURE ARAB OIL EMBARGO COULD "STRANGLE" THE U.S. "AN OIL EMBARGO LIKE THE ONE IN 1973 WOULD STRANGLE US, BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE DEPENDENT ON MIDEAST OIL THAN WE WERE IN 1973," COMMERCIAL SECRETARY DENT SAID IN AN ARTICLE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MAGAZINE COMMERCE TODAY.

VERNON GUIDRY WRITES THAT SENATOR NUNN HAS TOLD THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE THAT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN THAILAND MAY BE MORE OF A HINDRANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM'S WAR EFFORT THAN A "DETERRENT" TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

A STAR EDITORIAL ON "U.S. OIL STRATEGY" SAY THAT YOUR EXPLICATION OF SOME OF THIS COUNTRY'S STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OIL PROBLEM WAS WELCOME AND OVERDUE. AS AN INDICATION OF WHERE WE MIGHT REALISTICALLY LOOK FOR PROTECTION FROM THE UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC POWER OF THE PRODUCERS' CARTEL, IT BEATS THE HINTS OF DOOMSDAY THAT HAVE OVERSHADOWED SOME OF PRESIDENT FORD'S AND YOUR PAST DISCUSSIONS OF THE SUBJECT. WHAT IS NOT KNOWN ABOUT THE PLAN IS ITS CHANCE OF WORKING. PARTS OF THE PLAN OUTLINED BY

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YOU HAVE OBVIOUS MERIT IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AND SHOULD BE PURSUED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE BID TO BRING OPEC TO HEEL IS SUCCESSFUL. THE AMERICAN POLICY OF SEARCHING A COMMON GROUND ON WHICH THE WEST CAN MEET THE ENERGY CRISIS IS EMINENTLY SENSIBLE. OUR ECONOMIC ALLIES MAY HAVE BETTER IDEAS, THOUGH ONE OF THEM IS NOT THE TECHNIQUE OF GO IT ALONE IN THE HOPE OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY OPEC MEMBERS. BUT WHETHER THE WEST CAN FORM AN EFFECTIVE BARGAINING STANCE QUICKLY, FOR AN EARLY FACE-OFF WITH OPEC, IS IN DOUBT DESPITE LAST WEEK'S AGREEMENT, IN THE ENERGY AGENCY, ON CUTTING IMPORTS A TOTAL OF 2 MILLION BARRELS A DAY.

CHARLES BARTLETT BELIEVES THE CIA IS BEING POKED AT LIKE A TURTLE ON THE BEACH. AND IT WILL BE NICE TO GET IT BACK WHERE IT BELONGS, SWIMMING UNDERWATER. THE TURTLE-BAITERS ARE PRESENTLY BENT ON ESTABLISHING THAT THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND ITS FORMER DIRECTOR, RICHARD HELMS, WERE MORE RESPONSIVE THAN ANYONE ADMITS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PARANOIA WHICH CAUSED LYNDON JOHNSON AND RICHARD NIXON TO PUSH THEIR INVESTIGATIVE TALENT INTO GRAY AREAS. ON A STORY LIKE THIS, THE PRESS MOVES IN LIKE A SHIP'S CREW HITTING SHORE ON SATURDAY NIGHT. WHEN THEY SPOT A JOINT, THEY BARGE IN, BREAK UP THE FURNITURE, ROUGH UP THE CUSTOMERS AND MOVE ON. WHEN THE JOINT TURNS OUT TO BE AN INSTITUTION WRAPPED IN MYSTERY, THE BINGE BECOMES A CRUSADE. PERSPECTIVE GETS LOST IN THE EXCITEMENT. SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE TWO POINTS ABOUT HELMS. HE WAS PLAINLY FIRED BY NIXON AS DIRECTOR OF CIA, A JOB HE DEARLY LOVED, BECAUSE HE FAILED TO COOPERATE IN OBSCURING THE WATERGATE CRIMES. REGARDING HELMS' LACK OF CANDOR WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT IN THE DAYS OF BITTER DIVISIONS OVER VIETNAM, IT WAS NOT SAFE FOR ANY EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL TO ENTRUST VOLATILE INFORMATION TO THE FULL COMMITTEE'S CARE. THE HARD FACT IS THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE NOT GIVEN THE CIA ENOUGH CONSTRUCTIVE ATTENTION TO INHIBIT PRESIDENTS FROM MISUSING ITS AGENTS. THERE IS A ROLE FOR CONGRESS AND A NEED TO ESTABLISH SOME NEW RULES. BUT IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW CONGRESS WILL SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS BY POKING AT THE TURTLE ABOUT CONTROVERSIES THAT AROSE FROM THE OLD RULES. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESS MANAGE TO BREAK UP THE JOINT, THE WINNERS WILL BE THE SOVIETS. ANOTHER CONSEQUENCE WILL BE THE LOSS OF CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES OF SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH. SO THOSE WHO WANT TIGHT LIMITS ON DEFENSE BUDGETS WILL BE BIG LOSERS IF THE TURTLE DOESN'T MAKE IT BACK INTO THE SEA.

CROSBY S. NOYES IN A RAMBLING ARTICLE COVERS JACKSON'S CANDIDACY. NOYES WRITES THAT JACKSON, WHO ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY LAST WEEK, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE AN EXCELLENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IF HE HOLDS TO HIS PRESENT COURSE, HE WILL ALSO MAKE SUCH A TERRIBLE CANDIDATE THAT WE WILL NEVER KNOW HOW HE WOULD PERFORM IN THE WHITE HOUSE. RECENTLY, JACKSON HAS ASSUMED THE STATURE OF A HERO-VILLAIN IN ALMOST SINGLEHANDEDLY SHORT-CIRCUITING A DEVELOPING DETENTE WITH

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THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS NO QUESTION WHERE JACKSON STANDS. IT IS A TENABLE POSITION FOR AN AMERICAN POLITICIAN TO TAKE. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, JACKSON PRESSED HIS LUCK TOO FAR. HE CROWED TOO LOUDLY OVER WHAT HE SAW AS A VICTORY, NOT ONLY OVER THE RUSSIANS BUT ALSO OVER THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION. THE INCIDENT ILLUSTRATES ANOTHER WEAKNESS OF JACKSON'S POSTURE. IN A RATIONAL WORLD, HENRY JACKSON AND YOU WOULD BE NATURAL ALLIES. IN ANY EVENT, JACKSON'S FIGHTS WITH YOU DON'T MATTER VERY MUCH WHEN IT COMES TO HIS CANDIDACY TO BE THE NEXT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. WHAT MATTERS A GREAT DEAL MORE IS HIS EVIDENT WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE WITH THE LEFT WING OF HIS OWN PARTY. HE CAN SUCCEED IN THAT EFFORT ONLY AT THE COST OF LOSING HIS IMAGE OF A CREDIBLE NATIONAL LEADER, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THE PRESIDENCY AS WELL.

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